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Reply

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In Response to the Official Action of June 25, 2003, issued with respect to the above-identified patent application, the time for responding to which has been extended by the accompanying Request for an Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following Reply comprising Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Claims, and Remarks.

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Introductory Comments

This Reply has been formatted in attempted compliance with the revised provisions of 37 CFR 1.121. There are no requested Amendments to the Specification.

No fee, other than those provided for on the accompanying Fee Transmittal Form are believed to be due in order for the timely consideration of this Reply. If, however, the Commissioner determines that such a fee is required, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge any (Large Entity) fee required for consideration of this submission to Deposit Account 50-0548.

Applicants greatly appreciate the Examiner's assistance during the Interview granted to Applicants' representative on October 15, 2003. During the interview, Applicants' representative and the Examiner discussed the outstanding rejections and possible approaches for addressing them.